

# COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 2019

At 7.30 pm

in the

DESBOROUGH SUITE - TOWN HALL, MAIDENHEAD

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# Agenda Item 3

**a) Tim Veale of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Why has Lower Mount Farm greenbelt been included in the plan and the farm itself not been considered instead as this is already used for industrial purposes?

**b) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead**

Paragraph 3.4.6 notes access to hospitals and GP's is often "...a cause for concern in public consultations". Yet the revised plan adds 100+ residences on King Edward & St Marks Hospital sites. With thousands of new residents planned for, and a move away from cars, why is RBWM promoting a plan that reduces the best accessible land for hospital expansion?

**c) Lisa Hughes of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

BLP Policy HO2(1c) suggests 5% of homes on larger developments should be Accessible and Adaptable. This only provides around 400 homes vs the forecast of 32,000 disabled residents, not nearly enough! What data sources and methodology were used to develop this policy and fulfil RBWM's duty to assess and plan for the housing needs of residents with disabilities?

**d) Edward Farish of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

How does the council plan to accommodate 270 more vehicles, additional traffic, when entry to Cookham at Ferry Lane and Maidenhead Road, both have single one way give way roads under a railway bridge, over the Thames River? Presently, parking in Cookham High Road is almost impossible, due to weekday commuters parking in the village from Marlow and Bourne End.

**e) Liz Kwantes of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

I understand that the Plan includes a plan to build houses close to the Strande in Cookham. I understood this area is in the flood plain, are you planning to build houses in the flood plain?

**f) Liz Kwantes of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

The site of the old gas works off Whyteladyes Lane is also the site of an arboretum of 40 native British trees given to Cookham by British Gas. Is it planned to keep these trees? They are actually planted around the edge of the site. The arboretum was opened by Timmy Mallett along with executives of British Gas.

**g) Jan Stannard of St Mary's Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Our Borough has lost species like water voles and turtle doves. Others like yellowhammers are at risk of local extinction. The lack of any Borough-wide approach to the support of species population growth is a serious oversight arising from the notable absence of a Biodiversity Action Plan. Can the Council explain how Borough-wide action will be taken to cover this?

**h) Deborah Mason of Riverside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Mitigation for net biodiversity gain on individual development sites may produce an insufficient variety of habitats which would have an impact upon species, and this would only become apparent with strategic oversight. Where in the Plan is the Borough-wide monitoring of mitigation habitats?

**i) Deborah Mason of Riverside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Why, in modelling transport times to hospitals, are no figures given for sustainable transport options: bus, bike, walk? Given a move to sustainable transport is part of the overall plan strategy?"

**j) Fiona Hewer of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

This Plan proposes only piecemeal mitigation of harm to biodiversity for its approximately 300 hectares of new development on greenfield sites, and does not plan strategically for the cumulative impact on biodiversity. Will the Council agree to create a new nature reserve to fill this strategic gap in provision?

**k) Sarah Bowden of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

To the best of my knowledge, the Sustainability Appraisal was made available to the public and Councillors late on Friday evening (18th of October), only three working days before this meeting. Could you please advise us if this report has, as recommended by the Local Government Association, been integral to the plan making process?

**l) Harriet Fleming of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Lead Member for Environmental Services Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:**

The BLP states Climate Change is "inevitable". It focuses on adaption leaving developers responsible for proposing piecemeal mitigation measures. The trend to 2033 each person will generate 86kg, equivalent to the average man's weight, per week of CO2 and with this plan you will not keep the climate change emergency commitment. The plan does not acknowledge nor address this, why?

**m) Rachel Cook of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Where does the Borough Local Plan ensure that developer mitigations are sustainable, e.g. that wildflower areas don't fail after a few years, trees die or ponds silt up?

**n) Katherine Price of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

270 homes are planned for Cookham and 750 are planned for the Hedsor site Bourne End. What is the exact infrastructure plan for Cookham to support up to 2,000 extra cars locally, specifically at The Pound, Cookham Bridge and Maidenhead Road railway bridge, which are all single lane or close to?

**o) Katherine Price of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Our Cookham schools are all full, so what is the exact provision for primary school places within the Cookham Rise catchment where all the housing is planned for? In addition, how many extra school places are planned for Furze Platt Seniors?

**p) Holly Milburn of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Given the passage of time since the last consultation on the Plan, please confirm that the six week consultation period (2019) will allow/take into account representations from residents regarding the *entire* Plan for submission to the Inspector and not just the more recent proposed changes (letters dated 26 July and 7 October 2019 from Ms Jackson and Ms Phillips respectively)?

**q) Holly Milburn of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

We remain concerned about the Plan's lack of up to date information/evidence relating to delivery, viability (effectiveness) and consistency with national policy. Councils are encouraged in government guidance to conduct a self-assessment relating to "soundness". If one has been undertaken, will it be made publicly available; if one has not been completed, what is the justification for this?

**r) Adam Bermange of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

The National Planning Policy Framework states; "The preparation and review of all policies should be underpinned by relevant and up-to-date evidence...." Could the Lead Member please explain, in the absence of a Biodiversity Action Plan, what evidence the Borough has used to form the basis of conserving and enhancing biodiversity in the Borough Local Plan incorporating current Proposed Changes?

**s) Adam Bermange of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Would the Lead Member please explain why Historic Environment Policy HE3 has been removed as part of the Proposed Changes and can he state whether the Council remains committed to bringing forward a Borough-wide Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets?

**t) Kate Veale of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

What infrastructure actions will be guaranteed for Cookham / Cookham Rise's future to cope with increased traffic?

**u) Paul Strzelecki of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Two years ago, I represented the BLP was 'unsound' regarding site allocations placing 260, now 270, 90% greenbelt homes in Cookham. Still not addressed, the BLPRV remains 'unsound' in justification let alone breaching related 'duty to cooperate' grounds. Will you agree and remove these allocations?

**v) Paul Strzelecki of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Clark, Lead Member for Highways and Transport:**

There is a 2175 dwelling (15%) over identification to target (16435v14260) not present in the original BLP, leading to unknown Borough spatial deployment results. Has a range of viable road and infrastructure scenarios been developed to validate various combinations of optional site developments and if so, why was that report not made available? If not, why not?

**w) Callista Gormally of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Are the 20 proposed residential units on Strande Lane going to be mobile homes or houses?

**x) Callista Gormally of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Development proposals for land on the east side of Strande Park have not been successful previously, why has it been this time?

**y) Ann Taylor of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Given the permanent state of gridlock on the A308 at peak times and other, how can the Borough justify conceding that a further 1000 vehicles or more could pour onto this road from a single location, i.e. HA11(L21, 22), Green Belt land on the edge of Windsor, with the resultant catastrophic effects, particularly on air quality from stationary traffic?

**z) Ann Taylor of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

The Borough has £90,000 to fund an A308 traffic study, which is fundamental in ensuring the soundness of decisions regarding site selection. When completed, will the results of this study be taken into account in this respect? West Windsor is already an Air Quality Management Area as is Holyport/M4 area?

**aa) Julia Greens of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

To allow the planned "Growth for Education", can the Council please detail their intentions of how this can be achieved without the additional use of further virgin or loss of School sports grounds. In particular in Cookham, school expansion is most likely to have to result in expanding into and over Alfred Manor Recreation Ground?

**bb) Julia Greens of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

With a clear directive insisting absolutely everything is done to use previously developed land and avoid the use of Greenbelt and virgin land how can the RBWM justify including land at Lower Mount Farm and Strand Park, both in a high flood risk areas with a natural spring above that once built on prevents future natural drainage through virgin soil?

**cc) Katherine Else representing European Property Ventures will ask the following question of the Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Why were the advantages of 'Site HA41 North of Churchmead School' not considered through the Exception Test given its ability to contribute to the School facilities, highly sustainable location and the provision of a link road that would avoid Datchet town centre congestion?

**dd) Katherine Else representing European Property Ventures will ask the following question of the Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

Why did the Council not consider engaging with us to remove higher risk Flood Zone areas from residential analysis of Site HA41, so areas affected by higher flood risk could be used for open space, employment given the mixed-use allocation?

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